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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby desires to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following **PRIOR ART** of which Applicant is aware and which is also listed upon the attached **PTO FORM 1449**:

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The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward an insulation plate which has an external peripheral edge portion provided with a continuous circumferential array of serrated teeth. The serrated teeth are adapted to engage a release sheet, disposed upon an underlying environmental membrane of a fully-adhered environmental membrane system covering roof decking substructural components, as the release sheet is effectively moved into engagement with the serrated teeth. In this manner, the release sheet is readily and easily severed along a well-defined locus whereby the release sheet can be easily removed so as to uncover an adhesive layer disposed upon the upper surface portion of the underlying environmental membrane in preparation for securing an overlying environmental membrane atop the underlying environmental membrane in order to form the fully-adhered environmental membrane system. Alternatively, the continuum of serrated teeth may be oriented axially downwardly so as to sever the release sheet as the insulation plate is effectively rotated along with a threaded screw fastener as the latter is threadedly engaged within the underlying roof decking substructure. In addition, both the radially outwardly and axially downwardly oriented serrated teeth also serve to fixedly and assuredly retain the underlying membrane upon the underlying roof decking substructure in order to effectively resist uplifting wind forces.

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While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses conventional membrane plates, it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART** patent publications cited above do not disclose the particular features characteristic of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this patent application.

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